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SUBJECT: DEFERRAL OF MILITARY SURVEY TEAM VISIT

REF: (A) STATE 167988, (B) MOGADISCIO 1505

1. POL CCOUNSELOR INFORMED MFA DIRECTOR FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS AHMED SIRAJ ON JULY 4 OF U. S. DECISION TO DEFER VISIT OF MILITARY MISSION TO SOMALIA FOR TWO WEEKS. SIRAJ SAID THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH PRINCE SAUD BEFORE HE COULD MAKE OFFICIAL COMMENT BUT THAT IT WAS HIS PERSONAL VIEW THAT THIS DECISION WOULD MAKE THINGS MUCH WORSE. HE ADDED THAT PRETTY SOON NO ONE WILL BELIEVE U.S. ANYMORE. FIRST, THE U.S. PROMISES U.S. MILITARY AID AND THEN WITHDRAWS PROMISE. THEN, DURING THE FOLLOWING YEAR, THE U.S. PROMISES TO SEND MILITARY SURVEY TEAM IN ANTICIPATION OF MILITARY AID AND THEN DEFERS VISIT OF SURVEY TEAM. HE SAID THAT HE FAILED TO UNDERSTAND THE USG. POL COUNSELOR SAID THAT IT LOOKS TO USG AS THOUGH BARRE IS STILL INVOLVED IN OGADEN AND USG HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT IT WOULD NOT PROVIDE MILITARY AID TO SOMALIA AS LONG

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AS IT IS INVOLVED IN OGADEN.

2. SIRAJ AND POL COUNSELOR AGREED TO MEET AGAIN ONCE SIRAJ HAS SOME OFFICIAL COMMENTS TO MAKE OUN US DECISION.
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